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A LIFE FOR DIPLOMACY

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This is Hail! Jikai!, a Diplomacy zine published by Mart S. Koller.

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Deadline for all games in this issue is May 1, 1985 at 5PM except for phone orders which are due by April 30, 1985 at 11:30PM.

#### Game Openings:

1>Bio-War(\$2), 2>Kregish Dip(\$2), 3>New Improved Extra Strength Dip(\$2), 4>Time Distortion Dip(\$1), 5>Treachery(\$1), and one game of regular diplomacy(\$3). The gamefee for each game is listed after its name. Standbys are needed. You must sub to Hail! Jikai! to play or standby.

#### SIGNED UP:

Regular: Graessle(pd), Wiedemeyer(pd)

Variant: Acheson(3pd)

Standby: Givan(R), Carter(R), Peters(R&V), Acheson(R), Graessle(R)

#### Important Notices (for players):

As you can see there were still a couple of NMRs but I was able to fill the slots and we are on our way again.

No one objected so I will try allowing NMR insurance. I haven't decided exactly how I want to run it, for now, if you sign up and have no orders in on the phone deadline day I'll make a collect call which you can accept or you may call me back up until 11:30 PM. I'll only make NMR insurance calls if I'm home (and I make no promises I will be). If you want NMR insurance, you have to let me know, and please include your phone number.

#### Odds and Ends:

Interesting new zine out of Canada, Excelsior. It's published by Bruce McIntyre, 6191 Winch St., Burnaby, B.C. Canada V5B 2L4.

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#### CHANGES AND OTHER NOTES PERTAINING TO THIS YEAR'S ANNOUNCEMENT:

Due to the turmoil surrounding the change of pollsters this year, I have attempted to keep procedural changes to a minimum. Nonetheless, we do have a few:

There is no "official" proclamation against grudge votes this year. As a voter, you may vote using any criteria that you deem fair and reasonable. Some people tend to ignore such a restriction anyway, as Randolph Smyth mournfully pointed out after last year's poll. So the restriction was unenforceable -- and in my opinion, unrealistic as well. That is, I believe that the quality of a zine (or the voters' opinions thereof, which is after all what the poll is supposed to measure) CAN be affected by the publisher's ethics or his stance regarding feuds -- the basis of most grudge votes, if you will. Vote as you see fit.

Anyone who has participated in the Diplomacy hobby since April 1, 1984 is eligible to vote.

I will be discounting the top and bottom 10% (as opposed to last year's 8%) of the votes cast for any given zine, subzine, or GM. This figure will be rounded down, so that zines (etc.) receiving fewer than ten votes will not be subject to this provision. I believe that Randolph applied this lopping-off procedure only to the zines last year; I'll be applying it to the subzines and GMs as well -- but only in determining the "averaging" scores, NOT in forming the preference matrix. Which brings me to...

The preference matrix. Randolph had initially planned to come up with a preference matrix for the zines last year, and generate two lists. This ended up not working out; this year I plan to draw up a preference matrix for zines only, and generate a score for each zine. The preference matrix scores will then be averaged with the zines' "averaging" scores to produce a single final list.

# B3CO : Stromber : Fall 1985

**Austria (Acheson):** F BLA S A Con, A CON S Ita F East-Smy, A GAL-War,  
A Ukr-SEV (A RUM S), A BUD-Gal

**England (Arnawoodian):** F IRI-Mid, F Mid-SPA(sc), F ENG S Ger A Bre

**France (Reynolds):** A Far-Bre(d:Pic,OTB), A GAS S A Far-Bre,

F Spa(sc)-POR, F NAF-MID (F WES S)

**Germany (Peters):** F Nth-EDI, F Den-NTH, A Bur-POR (A BRE S),  
A Mun-SIL, F SWE H

**Italy (Touchette):** A TUN H (F TYH S, F ION S), F East-SMY, A Pie-MAR

**Russia (Cannon/Graessle):** A Sey\_U(d:Mos,Arm,OTB), A NWY U, F BOT U,

A LVN U, A WAR U, A ANK U

**Turkey (Givan):** A Smy-Cap(d:Arm,Syr,OTB)

**GAME NOTES:** Deadline for orders thru S'86 is on page 1. Due to the number of adjustments a separation of seasons will be granted on one request. Make sure to read the Important Notices on page 1. There is a new player for Russia, he takes over with the Autumn orders.

**Aus:** Robert Acheson, c/o Echo Bay Mines, Lupin, NWT, Canada, X0E 1M0

**Eng:** Steve Arnawoodian, 602 Hemlock Circle, Lansdale, PA 19446

**Fra:** Clark Reynolds, 2526 27th Street, Sacramento, CA 95818

**Ger:** Marc Peters, 1814 Cameron Dr. #3, Madison, WI 53711

**Ita:** Pierre Touchette, 1, Rue Georges, Masson, Quebec, Canada, J0X 2H0

**Rus:** George Graessle,

**Tur:** Evans Givan, 8066 Camstock Court, Citrus Heights, CA 95610

## Supply Center Chart

**Aus:** Vie Bul Bre Ser Rum Bul Con SEV (7-8) Build 2 (only room for 1)

**Eng:** Lon Lvp Edi SPA (3-3) Even

**Fra:** Por Bre Par Mar Spa (5-1) Disband 4 (or 3 if OTB)

**Ger:** Ger Hol Den Bel Swe Edi Bre Par (7-10) Build 4 (only room for 3)

**Ita:** Ita Tun Tri Mar Smy (5-7) Build 2

**Rus:** StP Mos War Sey Ank Nwy (6-5) Disband 1 (or even if OTB)

**Tur:** Smy (1-0) Disband 1 (or even if OTB) ---> OUT

## SC Chart To Date

Year	1	2	3	4	5
Aus:	4	4	6	7	8
Eng:	4	5	4	3	3
Fra:	5	5	6	5	1
Ger:	5	5	6	7	10
Ita:	5	5	5	5	7
Rus:	6	7	6	6	5
Tur:	3	2	1	1	0

## PRESS:

**Tur-Aus:** I thought about giving up. Then I saw a chance to pirate. Or raider.

**Tur-Fra:** Unless you teleported some mighty big kabooms, you're too late to do me any good. Nice try, though. We'll get them Canadians in February. Right?

**Marc-Evans:** If you've managed to hold out again, you must be a wizard!

**Marc-Clark:** Stab you? Aw, must you view my moves so negatively? Why not look upon it as a true unification of the West? Just think of how cohesive the Western Triple will be if I am the Western Triple! Besides, I get the feeling my Swedish holding is about to defect to the Russians.

Fall 1985	Austrian Crowns	English Pounds	French Francs	German Marks	Italian Lira	Russian Rubles	Turkish Piastre
BJ	0	0	0	492	-500	-51	0
Bermuda Triangle Mutual Fund	100	-100	-500	150	137	100	-193
California Dreamin'	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
executive suite	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
FIG	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Gets More Securities	-499	2849	-500	-499	-500	15	-500
ICBM	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
P.J., P.C.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Poison Pen Makers	247	-499	1500	54	-500	-500	-500
Q	-500	-500	-500	-500	-500	3009	0
((SIC!!!))	-500	755	-468	1215	-500	-500	-453
Swive, Slumber, & Swive	-500	0	-500	-499	-499	2721	-500
The Tinamou	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
True Blue Brew Crew	0	0	-500	781	-500	1	0
The Amazing Peter Parker	-500	0	-500	-500	0	2068	-500
old price	\$ 3.05	\$ 2.00	\$ 2.00	\$ 3.14	\$ 2.87	\$ 2.19	\$ .83
new price	\$ 2.84	\$ 2.33	\$ 1.85	\$ 3.2	\$ 2.54	\$ 2.87	\$ 57 Turkish Piastre now \$ 6.00
							credits net worth
BJ	3000	0	0	5333	1500	500	983.3 \$ 30,830.6
Bermuda Triangle Mutual Fund	2547	985	746	3123	2439	2216	834.6 \$ 33,457.78
California Dreamin'	1001	0	1000	2196	1000	1852	472.28 \$ 20,966.65
executive suite	2100	0	1418	2609	2608	1270	689.78 \$ 27,228.04
FIG	0	7189	882	872	1136	3732	1947 577.81 \$ 35,870.54
Gets More Securities	67	6822	6045	1664	1385	1866	1120 627.12 \$ 42,195.31
ICBM	300	0	4726	1000	1505	1200	200 336.61 \$ 20,175.8
P.J., P.C.	0	3500	0	3500	1945	62	0 594.25 \$ 24,473.24
Poison Pen Makers	7000	1502	1500	3610	2500	772	334 1194.66 \$ 46,462.68
Q	2996	1000	1620	948	4103	4255	0 880.64 \$ 39,502.71
((SIC!!!))	4526	1000	0	3193	4576	3798	0 1221.6 \$ 47,924.74
Swive, Slumber, & Swive	2283	3974	973	2138	1282	5573	1120 893.78 \$ 44,273.98
The Tinamou	2749	1315	2041	983	1060	1095	2741 587.03 \$ 25,189.98
True Blue Brew Crew	1285	0	307	3406	902	961	0 557.66 \$ 20,165.7
The Amazing Peter Parker	3640	1000	2000	2544	2391	4543	422 990.12 \$ 43,860.49

### BOURSE PRESS:

PPM-TAPP: What can I say - I'll back a winner.

PPM-GMS&(SS&S): What's the strategy now? Market manipulation. Nice try. France has got to die!

PPM-Marc Peters: You pull a Madlad on Woody - "oops, sorry about Edinburgh." I hope you feel ashamed. Yeah, I do too everytime I pull a quick gain.

Q: After months of inactivity Q returns to the fray. And what's this? We are still in the middle of the pack!?

GMS-GM: You left your knife at our house? Funny, I didn't see you playing in a Dip game.

GM-GMS: Yeah, that must be why I didn't miss it right away. I'll stop by soon and pick it up. I need to get my favorite little stabber back before the next FTF game.

SS&S-SIC: I forgot what you said to buy.

SS&S-GMS: I forgot what I told you to buy.

SS&S-GM: It's a sort of Illuminati relationship.

TAPP-SS&S: SIC to your left, Poison Puppies to your right, but don't forget about the Amazing Peter Parker underneath! (My very favorite position.)

(Stimmel): After the super-bowl, San Francisco jumped to 835, while Miami fell to 725, but retained its #2 position. I'm a great super bowl fan. I slept through most of the game.

(Stimmel-BTMF): That's the trouble with your firm. One of your managers fell asleep on the stock market floor during an important trading day.

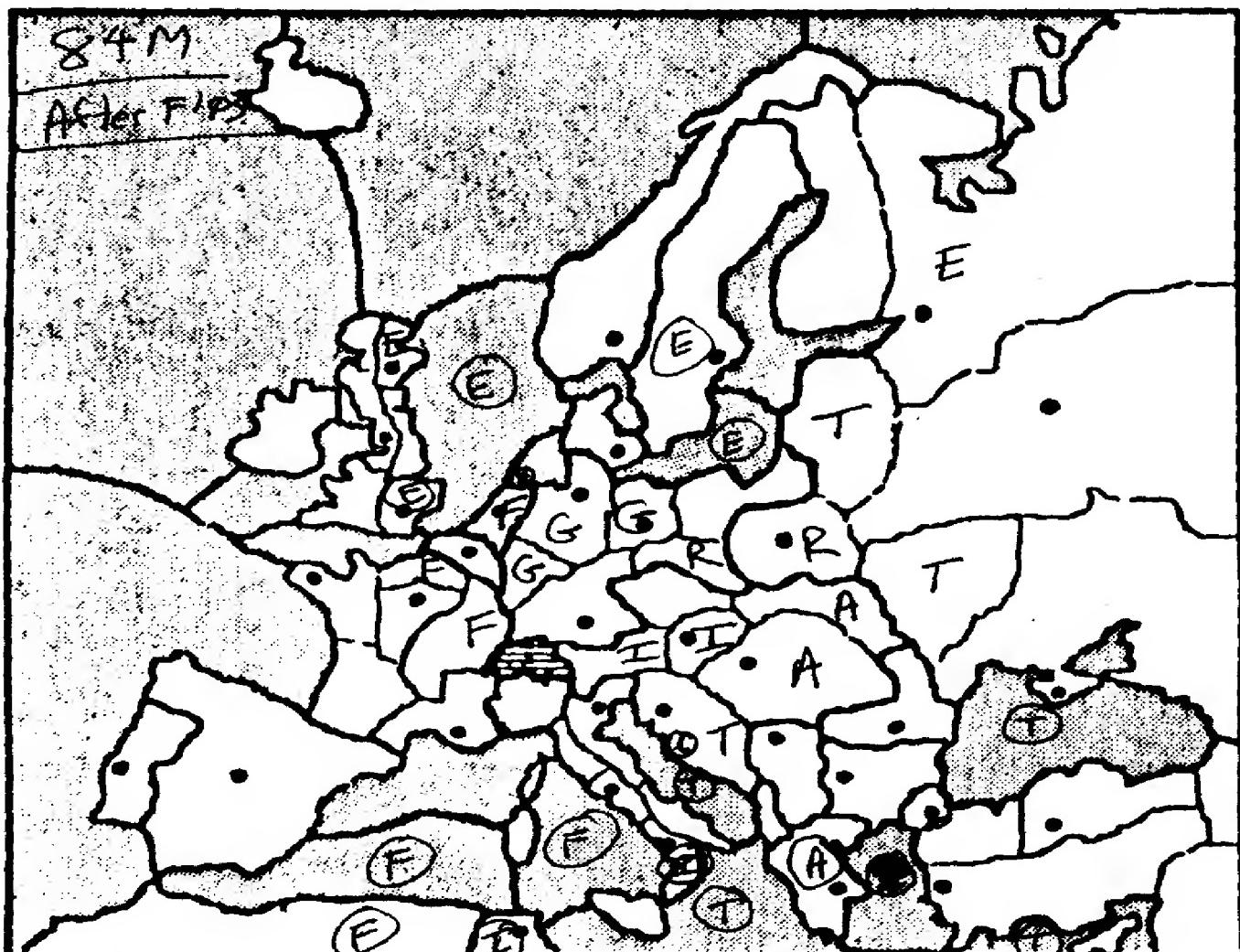
(BTMF): Our firm makes great investments, then we don't need to pay much attention to them.

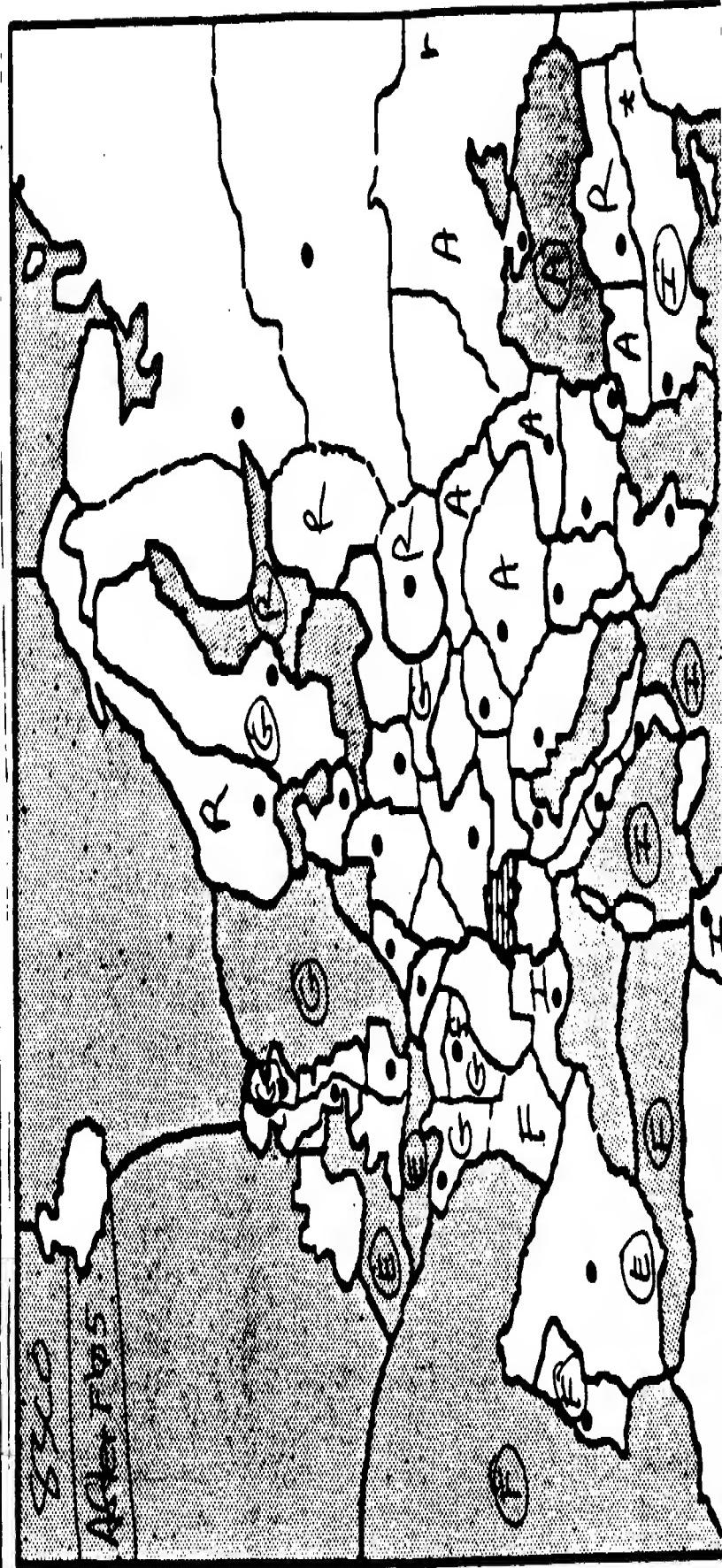
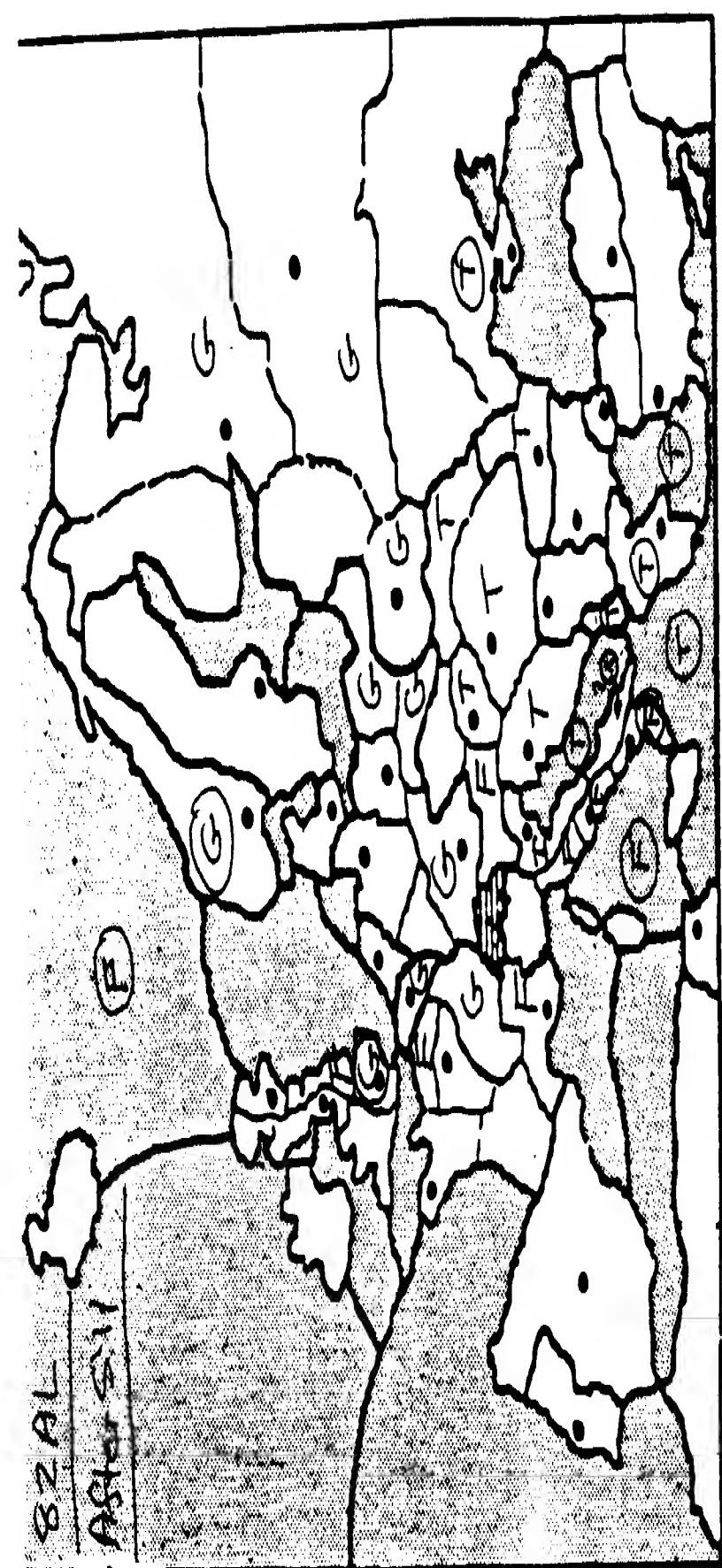
The 1985 Runestone & GM Poll

THE NINTH ANNUAL NORTH AMERICAN ZINE POLL: You may rate any publication substantially devoted to Diplomacy of which you have seen more than two issues since April 1, 1984. Rate the series, not individual issues. Rate each zine on a scale of 0 to 10 (0 being the lowest possible rating, 10 the highest). No fractions, please. Specify subzines and rate them separately from the parent zine; subzines will be listed separately. Publishers may not rate their own zines or subzines. Sign your ballot and indicate one way in which you participate in the hobby (e.g. "I sub to zine XXX", "I play in game 1984YY", "I publish zine ZZZ", etc.). All votes will be kept confidential (but please note that Pat Conlon will see all of them). Please list the zines alphabetically to make tabulation of the results easier. I reserve the right to tabulate or ignore ballots which do not follow the format outlined above.

THE EIGHTH ANNUAL NORTH AMERICAN GAMESMASTER POLL: You may rate any GM in whose postal game or games you were a player during the year beginning April 1, 1984, and under whom you played for long enough to gain an objective assessment of his or her competence as a GM. Rate each GM on a scale of 0 to 10 (0 being the lowest possible rating, 10 the highest). No fractions, please. Gamesmasters may not rate themselves. Others may not rate GMs in whose games they were not active players during the poll period. Rate each GM by NAME, not by zine. Votes which do not use the GM's name will not be tabulated. Please list the GMs in alphabetical order by SURNAME. Distinguish between Ron Brown of California and Ron Brown of Canada if you vote for either or both.

The deadline for both polls is June 29, 1985. The deadline for ballots sent to Pat Conlon is June 22, 1985. Results will be tabulated as soon after the poll deadline as possible, and will be released as they become available to anyone wishing to phone. Please rate only North American zines, subzines, and GMs; though any readers or players living outside North America are welcome to participate. Send all ballots to Bruce Linsey, 73 Ashuelot St., Apt. 3, Dalton, MA 01226, USA or Pat Conlon, Box 17014, LSU, Baton Rouge, LA 70893, USA.





**B2AL : Westernart : Spring 1911**

**France (Gannon/Coldiron):** NRR! F Ion r OTB; NBR!; F NWG U, A YUR U, A FIC U, A MAR U, A IUS U, A TYR U, A RUM U, F TYH U, F NAP U

**Germany (Givan):** Hold A Ber; A Mun-BUR (A BEL S), F Nth-LDN, F NWY H, A Fje-HUN, A Ber-HRU, A SIL S A War, A WAR MS A MOS, A STP S A Mos

**Italy (Frueh):** A VEN-Tri, F ADR S A Ven-Tri (d:Apu,OTB)

**Turkey (Carter):** A Bud-IRI (A VIE S), F Tri-ADR (F ALB S, F ION S), F AEG S F Ion, F GRE S F Ion, A Sev-RUM, F Bla-SEV, A Ukr-GAL, A Gal-BUD

**GAME NOTES:** Italy retains Tunis. Proposed are G/T and F/G/T draws. Please remember to vote. Deadline for orders thru F'11 is on page 1. Make sure to read the Important Notices on page 1. Mark Coldiron takes over as France with the F'11 orders.

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**Ita:** Mark Frueh, 1013 Milton St. #304, Madison, WI 53715

**Tur:** Dave Carter, 118 Horsham Ave, Willowdale, Ont, Canada, M2N 1Z9

**PRESS:**

**Mark-Mike:** Good luck - Write some time. I'm fine - how are you?

**Mark-Mark:** Perhaps it should be goodbye instead of good luck?

**Ger-Ita:** Nice to see you doing so well.

**Ger-GM:** Spiral Monopoly? Hyperbolic Trivia! Rhomboid Roulette!

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8:44M : Zenithice : Email : 11/20/02

**Austria (White/Peters):** A\_Gru-Vie (A\_RUD S).

F\_GRE S\_Tur F\_Aeg-Ion

**England (Touchette):** F\_NTH S\_Fra A\_Bel-Hol, F\_BAL-Den, A\_EDF\_H,  
F\_LON S\_F\_Nth, A\_STP-Mos, F\_Nwy-SWE

**France (Wiedemeyer):** F\_Mid-WES (F\_NAF S), F\_Lyo-TYH, A\_Bel-HOL,  
A\_PIC-Bel, A\_BUR-Ruh

**Germany (Carter):** A\_RUH-Bel, E\_Hol\_S\_A\_Ruh-Bel (d:Bel,OTB),  
A\_EKE-Den, A\_Mun-BER

**Italy (Acheson):** F\_IUN-Ion (F\_NAP S), F\_Iri\_H(d:Ven,Alb,OTB),  
A\_VIE\_S\_E\_Iri, A\_TYR S\_A\_Vie

**Russia (Tallman/Givan):** NMR! A\_WAR\_U, A\_SIL\_U

**Turkey (Gestiehr):** A\_Mos-LVN, A\_Ukr-Mos, A\_Ser-TRI (F\_ADR S),  
F\_BLA\_H, F\_Aeg-ION (F\_EAS S)

**GAME NOTES:** Deadline for orders thru S'04 is on page 1. Due to the number of adjustments, a separation of seasons will be granted on one request. Marc Peters has taken over as Austria. Evans Givan assumes the Russian position with the winter orders. Make sure to read the Important Notices on page 1.

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Ger: Dave Carter, 118 Horsham Ave, Willowdale, Ont, Canada, M2N 1Z9  
Ita: Robert Acheson, c/o Echo Bay Mines, Lupin, NWT, Canada, X0E 1M0  
Rus: Evans Givan, 8066 Camstock Court, Citrus Heights, CA 95610  
Tur: Ken Gestiehr, P.O. Box 302, El Cajon, CA 92022

#### Supply Center Chart

Aus: Bud Rum Gre Vie (4-3) Even  
Eng: Eng Nwy StP Den SWE (6-7) Build 1  
Fra: Fra Spa For Bel HOL (6-7) Build 1  
Ger: Ger Hol (4-3) Disband 1 (even if OTB)  
Ita: Ita Tun Iri VIE (5-5) Even (build 1 if OTB)  
Rus: War Swe (2-1) Disband 1  
Tur: Tur Bul Sev Ser Mos TRI (7-8) Build1

#### SC Chart To Date

Year	1	2	3
Aus:	3	4	3
Eng:	4	6	7
Fra:	5	6	7
Ger:	6	4	3
Ita:	4	5	5
Rus:	4	2	1
Tur:	5	7	8

#### PRESS:

**Tur-Rus:** Is it true Ehli demoted you to hamster feeder?

**Tur-Ita:** He who doesn't write, gets no goodies.

**Ken-Marc:** I love the friendly way you move my fleets around. I may even start quoting voltaire soon.

In addition to providing a second list of scores to be combined with the zines' mean scores, the preference matrix should prove to add interest to the poll results by itself, as it will be portrayed in graphic form. I have devised a formula which will translate a zine's raw score from the matrix to a number ranging from 0 to 10, so that the combining of the lists will be practical.

There may be other embellishments to the presentation of the results, depending on what I can dream up to make the final product more interesting to the readers. We'll see.

A few clarifications regarding specific publications and GMs: as mentioned in the GM poll announcement, be sure to distinguish between the two Ron Browns if you vote for either or both. Treat Whitestonia as a zine, Kathy's Korner as a subzine (to keep the status quo from years past.) The editor of Bad Doggie treats that product as a subzine even though it sometimes appears separately from the parent zine; therefore the poll will tabulate BD as a subzine. Ditto for Orphan City; treat it as a subzine.

The cutoffs for inclusion in the main lists will be the same as last year's: ten votes for zines, five for subzines and GMs. Zines which do not make the main list will not be included in the preference matrix.

A clarification to the rule that you must have seen more than two issues of a zine in order to vote for it: if you were supposed to see more than two issues of a zine but did not (i.e. because the publisher has not published regularly), then you may still vote for that zine. I can think of one or two "active" publications that fall into this category: sorry, guys, but being grossly irregular ain't gonna get you off the hook around here if the voters wish to send you a message...

The Conlon Arrangement: Voters who for any reason do not wish to send their ballots to me (Bruce Linsey) may send them instead to Pat Conlon, whose address appears with the announcement above. PLEASE NOTE THAT THE DEADLINE FOR BALLOTS GOING TO PAT IS A WEEK BEFORE MY DEADLINE. This is so that Pat will have time to transcribe the ballots and send them to me by the poll deadline. I will not know who voted how among those ballots received by Pat -- he will be copying them onto blank, unsigned ballots which will then be sent on to me. However, he will be providing me with a list of names so that I can 1) check to make sure no one voted twice, and 2) publish a list of all people who voted.

After the poll results are tabulated, I will be sending all of the ballots (or copies thereof) to Pat, who will verify the results if necessary.

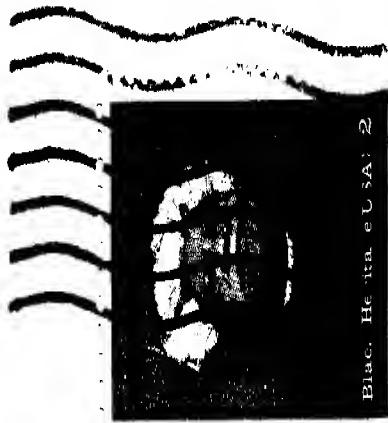
For ease in voting, I suggest that voters use the official ballots which will accompany this mailing (and I'll be very grateful to those publishers who choose to print the ballots); but of course this is not required.

Any questions on the voting procedure should be directed to me.

The Runestone Poll is the oldest and most highly regarded of the Diplomacy hobby's polls. It is my intention to maintain this status by publishing the results accurately, impartially, promptly, and in a (hopefully) interesting manner. I ask each and every member of the hobby to do his or her part by getting out there and voting. May the best publications -- and GMs -- win!



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